

Women's Empowerment in India

Women empowerment in India cannot be compared with that in other countries. Women were highly respected in the Vedic ages. The focus on women's education was never absent. The word 'sahadharmini' was known from the Vedic days. Sahadharmini means - equal partner. It is thus very clear that women in India in ancient days enjoyed respect, education and reverence.

As time passed the Indian culture was contaminated with the conservative Middle Eastern and British culture. As a result, the power and respect that women enjoyed were lost. Gradually after independence, women started regaining the lost power. Today women are everywhere. The country saw its female Prime Minister and President, the country has many eminent female sports-people like Saina Nehwal or P.T Usha, the country has been blessed with talented women scientists like A. Chatterjee or B Vijayalakshmi. Women are joining the combat forces in India without any hesitation. However, many women in India are still find-



ing it hard to come out of the clutches of patriarchy - particularly in the rural sector. The empowered women must urge these women to raise voices, protest and seek help from the authorities.

Inequality and the Way Forward

Today, more than ever, women are enjoying freedom. They can decide on their own. However, there is a long way to go. Women must protest against the use of religion to suppress them. Not all military positions are open to females. There is a wage gap in the film industry, in sports and normal jobs.

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Empowering Communities Through Access to Financial Resources

A mother's wisdom is the foundation of every home. She teaches us valuable lessons about saving, sharing, and planning for the future — often without ever using big words like "investment" or "financial security." Every woman, knowingly or unknowingly, becomes the first financial teacher in her family. When we talk about empowering communities through financial resources, it is the mothers and women who stand at the heart of that change.



Mothers: The Silent Financial Planners of Every Home

Think about it — how many times have we seen our mothers carefully plan the month's expenses, save secretly for festivals, or make sure that even during tough times, there's enough for everyone? Mothers are natural financial planners. They know how to stretch every rupee and create miracles with limited resources. Even if they don't sit in boardrooms or offices, their daily financial decisions shape the family's present and future. Empowering mothers with better financial tools — savings accounts, insurance, small loans — is like giving wings to the dreams they have quietly nurtured for years.

Small Loans, Big Dreams: The Power of Microfinance

Imagine a woman who never had the chance to earn on her own. Now, imagine her receiving a small loan to start a tailoring shop or a vegetable stall. That small loan doesn't just change her life — it transforms her family's future. Microfinance gives women the opportunity to stand tall on their own feet. When women earn, they invest in their children's education, better nutrition, and improved living conditions. They become role models for the next generation, showing that with a little support, they can break the cycle of poverty and build a path to prosperity.

Mobile Banking: Breaking Barriers for Women

In today's digital world, technology is a powerful ally for women and mothers. Through mobile phones, women in even the most remote villages can now open bank accounts, save money safely, apply for loans, and receive government benefits directly. Earlier, many women depended on others to handle financial matters. Today, with digital banking, they can manage their own

finances independently. A simple smartphone has become a gateway to financial freedom, giving women the confidence to dream bigger and take control of their futures.

Teaching Children: A Mother's Legacy of Financial Wisdom

The first lessons about money often come not from schools, but from home. When a mother teaches her child the importance of saving a little from their pocket money or explains why it's better to wait and plan for a bigger goal rather than spending impulsively, she is planting the seeds of financial wisdom. These early lessons stay forever. A mother's words about hard work, patience, saving, and spending wisely echo in the minds of her children long after they grow up. By encouraging mothers to teach financial literacy, we are preparing a generation that will be smarter, stronger, and more financially independent.

Success Through Collective Savings: A Story of Strength

In a small village, a group of mothers came together with a simple idea — to save a little every month. What started with just a few rupees turned into a strong fund. With it, they supported each other's dreams — starting businesses, paying school fees, and handling emergencies. Today, that group stands proud as a shining example of what women can achieve through unity, trust, and financial discipline. Their story shows that when mothers join hands, they not only uplift themselves but also bring prosperity to their entire community.

Conclusion

Behind every financially secure family is often a wise, strong, and determined woman — a mother who manages resources with love, patience, and unmatched intelligence. When we empower mothers with access to financial resources, we are not just helping one individual; we are uplifting entire families, communities, and future generations. Mothers have always been the quiet architects of progress. Now, with better financial tools, their impact can grow even bigger, louder, and more inspiring. Financial empowerment, when placed in a mother's hands, creates ripples of change that spread far beyond her home — building communities that are stronger, richer, and filled with hope.



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